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On 29 and 30 June 1954, intensive training was observed at the south and southeast edge of the Lossa troop training grounds. Tanks and artillery fired during the two days of observation. A six-wheel armored personnel carrier with radio and AA machine gun   motor vehicles   and several trucks   were seen at the southern edge of the village of Lossa. The Rastenberg municipal forest was occupied by Soviet troops between the Rastenberg Rothenberga and the Hardisleben-Tauhardt roads. The two roads were open but all wood lanes were blocked. Local residents stated that the first units arrived there with billeting equipment and women in mid-June. They allegedly prepared to stay there for a prolonged period of time. A radio station was located at the north edge of the Rastenberg potash works. Trucks carrying billeting equipment and women were seen entering the Rastenberg municipal forest.

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  Comment. The 21st Gds Mech Div, the bulk of which transferred to Lossa on 3 and 4 May  

  An extension of the training area to the area mentioned is reported for the first time. For location of Rastenberg, see map of Germany, 1 : 25,000, Sheet 4834.

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